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Cure for Europe.

PRAISES OLDEN VIRTUES

Gen. Tripp Says Radicals'
Ranks Include Very Few
New Englanders.

Pressing problems of the day, with special emphasis upon the situation in Europe, were discussed last night in Delmonico's at the twentieth annual dinner of the Maine Society of New York by prominent speakers before an assemblage of 300 native sons and daughters of the State.

Brigadier-General Guy E. Tripp, president of the society, presided, and among the speakers were Samuel W. McCall, former Governor of Massachusetts; Dr. Clifton D. Gray, president of Bates College, and Job E. Hedges. Kate Douglas Wiggin, authoress and playwright, was to be one of the speakers, but sent a letter of regret because of illness.

The staunchness of the New England character, with its influence upon the thought and tradition of the nation, was lauded by the speakers and upheld as the final assurance that the theories of radicals and communists never will prevail in the United States. The ducking stool, the whipping post and the stocks, it was said, were implements that contributed to no negligible extent to the virtues of the New England character that has endured as an important phase of American life since the early days of the colonies.

Maine Self-Governed.

"Maine is as good an example of a self-governing State as exists to-day," said ex-Governor McCall. "The New England town meeting was a nursery for great statesmen, and I would rather have the statesmanship of some of those common sense rural gentlemen than the craftsmanship of some of the continental persons who are performing on the public platforms to-day."

The former Governor of Massachusetts deplored the "key hole diplomacy" adopted by America toward some of the international questions and strongly urged that America take part in the various controversies, at least to the extent of lending its advice to help stabilize the situation, instead of merely acting as a "listener-in."

"The European problem is to an extent our own problem," he said. "Our obligation rests upon the fact that we went over there and fought their fight. If America had served notice that she would keep out of the war absolutely the appeal of the Emperor of Austria for peace might not have fallen on deaf ears, but we sent our men over there and that animated them with new courage and they continued the fight. Now we should do more than merely stand by and listen."

The speaker also warned against the ever increasing burden of taxation. He pointed to Italy as a nation of "beautiful ruins" because the Roman civilization crumbled to decay under unreasonable taxation, and pictured the possibility of England succumbing in a like manner. "America," he said, "is not immune from something of that sort. The Government is devouring the resources of the State in its struggle to get revenue, and is even reaching out to tax the securities of the local government. If the Government wishes to tax the interest on its own securities, that is all right, but it is going too far when the State has to pay the Federal Government for the privilege of putting up a new school house or building a road."

Job Hedges confined himself mainly

to a rapid fire delivery of amusing epigrams covering every conceivable subject except the European situation, of which he admitted he was the "only man in America who isn't entirely conversant with it and doesn't know exactly how it could be settled."

"The American people to-day are being Whereas-ed to death," he said. "I believe in the Ten Commandments as distinguished from the Fourteen Points." The stout Americanism of the people of New England stock was dwelt upon by General Tripp, who pointed out, amid the applause of the native sons, that "one doesn't find many New England people in the memberships of these radical organizations who are seeking to change or overthrow the Government."

Grounded in Democracy.
"The reason for this," he said, "is that the people of Maine are better grounded in the fundamentals of our institutions than those of almost any other State. The people of New England know that democracy does not mean that the Government owes the people everything, but that the people owe something to the Government."

I believe New England and the people of New England are the greatest factors that support our institutions. If through some catastrophe all New England and its descendants were wiped out of existence our institutions would rot on their foundations."

The reason for the kind of men and women that Maine has been sending out in the last century lay, Dr. Gray said, in the field of physical geography. "Our stern and rockbound coast," or, to be precise, our sterner and more rockbound coast, the long and severe winter, the stony and relatively barren hillsides, the ill-favored forests—were for our forefathers a school of adversity in which they learned better than most people the art of overcoming the untoward forces of nature."

"Climate has something to do with the character. Had the Pilgrims landed in Southern California we might have had less occasion to celebrate their centenary."

Referring to a 25 per cent. increase in attendance at public schools, a two-and-a-half times multiplied high school attendance and an eight times multiplied college attendance in Maine in fifty years, Dr. Gray prophesied that the Maine of to-morrow will exceed the Maine of yesterday in contributions to the nation's human resources.

Those at the speaker's table were: Ralph A. Sturges, George S. Hobbs, Henry B. Quinby, Edwin G. Merrill, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Harry B. Thayer, Mrs. W. F. Conklin, Ruel W. Poor and the Rev. C. H. Wilson.

SAW 3 OF ACCUSED MEN AT HERRIN MASSACRE

Defendants Identified as Present
at Scene of Killings.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
MARIION, Ill., Dec. 14.—Eyewitnesses of the mob procession and men who saw the bodies of victims immediately after the killings were presented in rapid succession by the State to-day as witnesses in the Herrin massacre trial.

R. P. Poole, a Herrin real estate man, stared up during cross-examination when Attorney Kerr refused to allow him to tell what he heard about the case.

"You want the truth don't you?" the witness ejaculated.

Mr. Kerr evaded any answer. Objection by the State ended the discussion.

J. M. Marshall Lantz, another Herrin real estate man, said he saw the mob pass his home but could not identify any of its members "for sure." He described the finding of eighteen bodies and said he saw six men, one of them Howard Hoffman, tied together with a heavy rope.

He identified Hubert Walker, a defendant in one of the cases, as having a shotgun at the woods following the killings.

PERSHING WARNS HEEDLESS WHO GIVE SUPPORT TO REDS

Reminds Them, in Boston Speech, That Aim of Movement Is to Destroy America—Says Many of High Purpose Are Being Deluded.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Pointing out tendencies in this country toward radicalism, Gen. John J. Pershing warned against it in any form in an address this afternoon before the Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts.

"It seems strange," said Gen. Pershing, "that men and women of high purpose should preach the doctrine of internationalism and fail to realize what the logical outcome would be. We might look with greater complacency upon the advocates of such doctrine if we could always believe in the sincerity of their purpose, but when we have positive evidence that sinister propaganda is spread by societies organized for this especial purpose, we would be false to our obligations if we should lend a willing ear."

"It is well known that dangerous elements are moving toward a revolution in America, and that those who would destroy our work both openly and secretly."

"It is perhaps because national problems have not been thoroughly discussed that there have crept into so many women's clubs these undermining and disruptive tendencies toward radicalism of all sorts, but particularly in the insidious and poisonous form of pacifism, the disease which strikes at constitutional government."

"These elements have not hesitated to bring to women's clubs and other societies their carefully clothed arguments for American surrender, with the alarming result that many misguided persons have been persuaded to sign pledges not to serve their country in any capacity in time of war."

"I shall not undertake to characterize the craven influence which would induce any American thus to sign away

his birthright of patriotism. It is shocking that such things can exist while we complacently look on, deaf to their ominous significance."

"An analysis of the cry of these false prophets reveals it as a menace to law and order. To their minds every policeman is a tyrant and any army is a threat. It is these elements that hold officers of the law up to ridicule, and weaken the cause of good government. It should be the plain duty of every good citizen to support our selected officials of the law by word and act and create in the minds of coming generations, both by example and precept, a respect for authority, without which government must fail."

"It has been truthfully said America is the melting pot of mankind, but it must be fully recognized that all these divergent elements should be made into reliable citizens if we hope to fulfill the glorious promise of our past. We hold out hope to the downtrodden, and offer an asylum to the oppressed, but they must not bring here destructive propaganda against this Government, for which our fathers have fought and died. In assimilating these elements it is especially essential that we teach them our national tongue and our own national ideals."

"Proclaiming constructive freedom and liberty for all, we cannot tolerate the license of harmful purpose in any. We should especially condemn those societies which encourage crime or undertake to deprive any citizens not of their organization or belief of his rights to liberty and the pursuit of peace as guaranteed by our Constitution."

"There are countless panaceas that offer immunity against destructive influences, but the remedy is actual training in citizenship. There is no way to emphasize and impress the youthful mind that will bring greater results than through some outward physical effort. In any event, we must teach all citizens what America stands for and encourage them to strive for the fulfillment of her destiny."

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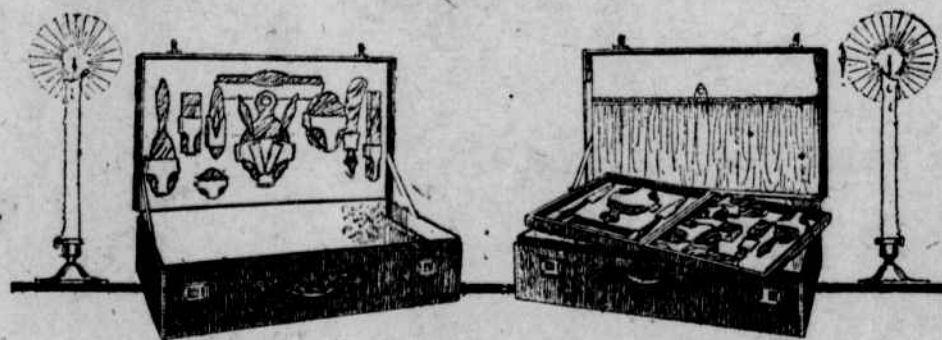
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